

Forgery

13 Young St. Kensington Sq.  
November 5.

My dear Mr. Thackeray.

The pocket book and its contents all belong to  
W. M. Thackeray - I had left it at my publishers  
just before proceeding to Bath: and the publishers  
sent it on to me there - I only arrived at night  
and was off again at 8 the next morning & I  
certainly should have paid you a visit - I have  
only just returned to London from Oxford where I  
have been staying, and thank you for writing to  
me about the little pocket book - ~~in that you~~  
~~did not see the letter - that it was~~  
~~sent me by post - all about a year~~

~~My dear Mr. Thackeray, I am very sorry to hear that you are ill and that you are not well enough to go to the Bath. I am very sorry to hear that you are ill and that you are not well enough to go to the Bath.~~

What should I have done at a great Bath ball?  
I am too big fat and lazy to dance: and don't  
think any man beyond 6 feet high has a right  
to amuse himself <sup>in</sup> that way: but thank you for  
thinking of me. I hope it won't be long before I  
come and claim your hospitality.

Will you kindly send me my book & papers  
and give my best regards to Mr. Thackeray  
& my cousins.

Yours dear Mr. Thackeray most truly  
Wm Thackeray.